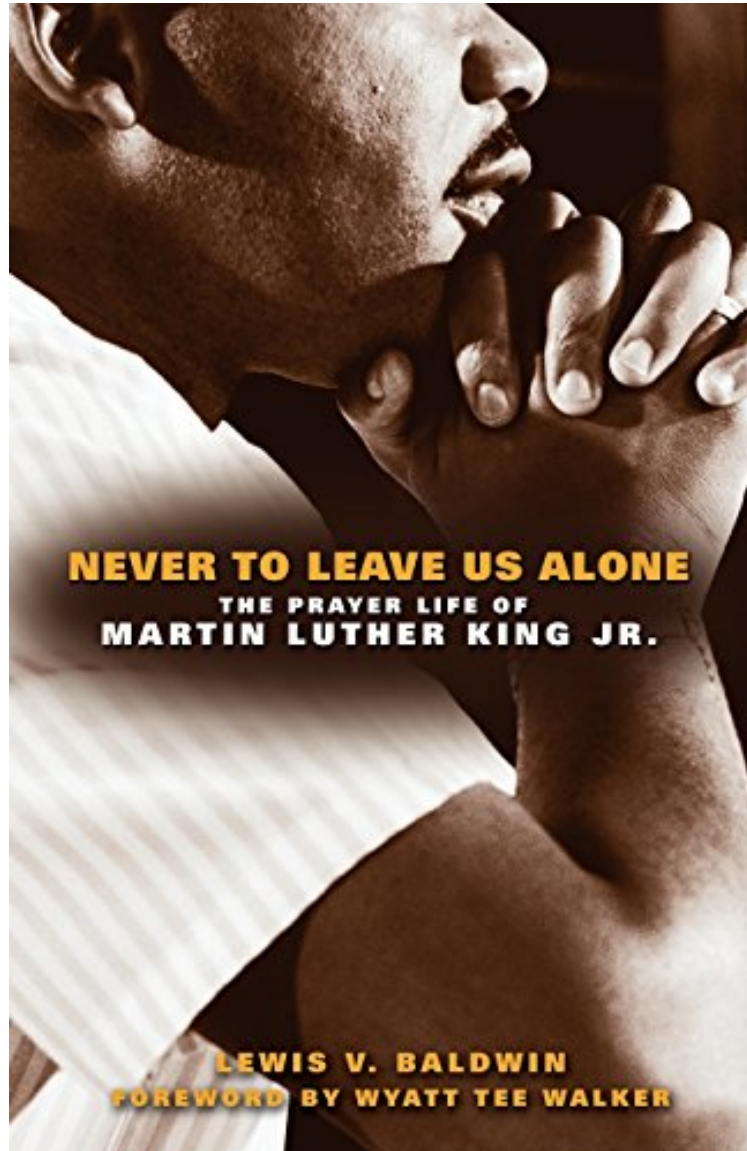


[Download pdf ebook] Never to Leave Us Alone: The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Never to Leave Us Alone: The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Lewis Baldwin

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#871544 in Books Lewis V Baldwin 2010-09-01Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 8.50 x .39 x 5.511, .45
#File Name: 0800697448176 pagesNever to Leave Us Alone The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King Jr | File
size: 71.Mb

Lewis Baldwin : Never to Leave Us Alone: The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King Jr. before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Never to Leave Us Alone: The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King Jr.:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great BookBy Sam LamersonThis is a wonderful book showing the place of prayer in Dr. King's life. It is hampered by two issues:First, because of the tight hold that the King family has upon the words of Dr. King, no actual prayers have been included. While this is no fault of the author (who has a fully written book consisting mainly of the prayers of King) he has been prevented from publishing them, reading the prayers would have greatly added to the book.A second, and, some will argue, less substantive problem is that the work presents MLK as a full blown liberal in terms of biblical scholarship. While it is true that Dr. King would at times raise questions about such items as the virgin birth, the nature of the resurrection body, etc., there are at least some of those who traveled with him or knew him well who believe that Dr. King was simply asking questions to sharpen the faith and apologetic skill of his friends. That is, simply because Dr. King raised questions about the virgin birth did not mean that he rejected the doctrine.Aside from the criticisms above, this is a wonderful work. It is well worth reading both historically and devotionally.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Too VagueBy cadenceThis book is vague. Yes, private and public prayer were an important part of Dr. MLK Jr.'s life, but what does that mean?There are some generalities like Dr. MLK Jr. recommended prayers for others rather than prayers for self, but that's still vague. The vagueness is not directly the fault of the author because he did not have the right to print up Dr. MLK Jr.'s words and prayers. There are a few examples, but the book is mostly a mass of generalities... such as...."Knowing that there were problems in the world that could not be solved by social activism or the advance of human knowledge, particularly as they relate to the hearts of the people, King developed the habit of joining fellow activists to pray. Thus, he demonstrated how prayer could become a positive force in dealing with the larger social maladies at work in our lives."(Chapter 6, pg. 100)Prayer helps the activists when the activism fails? What does that even mean?Interestingly, there are also almost no Bible quotes. The author is surprised when other Christians have different Biblical interpretations than King, but this idea is not developed.The Bible has many terrible philosophies such as pro-slavery (exodus 20:20-21), pro-rape (deuteronomy 22:28-29), killing non-believers (mark 6:11).... and there are many more such quotes. People could readily have a more cruel version of Christianity that would also be based on Scripture. So it seems obvious that many Christians would not agree with Dr. MLK Jr.'s interpretation of the Bible.I was interested in Dr. MLK Jr.'s prayer life from a psychological rather than a religious perspective, but other than learning that prayer was essential to his daily life, there were not many details.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. We always think of MLK, Jr as an activist but, he was first a minister and you really can't separate the two.By So YouAsked!It makes one know that it is because of his religious foundation that MLK,Jr. was able to accomplish so much in his short time on earth.

Based on years of original research, *Never to Leave Us Alone* is the first book-length treatment of the prayer life of the famed religious and civil rights leader. Drawing on personal prayers that King recited as a seminarian and graduate student, preacher, pastor, and then civil rights leader, award-winning historian Lewis Baldwin explains how King turned to both private prayer and meditation for his own spiritual fulfillment, and to public prayer as part of his sermonic discourse, as an aspect of his pastoral care, and as a way of moving, inspiring, and reaffirming people in the context of a crusade for equal rights, social justice, and peace. In the end, Baldwin argues, King's prayer life and reflections offer important keys not only to King the man but also to our own cultivation of core human values. The book includes photographs.

"Baldwin's work will remain the most definitive about the man and his mission. In this work, Baldwin discovers the mystique of Martin Luther King Jr., and he carefully examines the key to King's strength of spirit against seemingly impossible odds. " --Wayatt Tee Walker, close aide to Martin Luther King Jr."This intense probing of the prayer life of Martin Luther King Jr. by Lewis Baldwin brings depth and clarity to the concept of 'praying without ceasing'. In the tradition of an African griot, Baldwin unfolds the story of Dr. King, spirit-filled servant of God, who utilized the power of persistent prayer, plus a constant study of human inequities in an alien land and the search for truth, as all encompassing in the process of 'witnessing for the Lord!' This is not simply another collection of facts about the celebrated 'peaceful warrior.' It is a newly opened window into the heart and soul of a servant-preacher who continues to teach through his understanding and experience of the power of prayer. It should be required of all theological seminarians!" --Melva Costen, Helmer Nielsen Professor Emerita of Worship and Music, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia"Lewis Baldwin, the foremost chronicler of Martin Luther King Jr., traces his prayer life and its huge, enabling force in the fight for human rights. A wonderful book! Read it, and you will be inspired." --David Buttrick, Buffington Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics Emeritus, Vanderbilt University Divinity School#34This intense probing of the prayer life of Martin Luther King Jr. by Lewis Baldwin brings depth and clarity to the concept of 'praying without ceasing'. In the tradition of an African griot, Baldwin unfolds the story of Dr. King, spirit-filled servant of God, who utilized the power of persistent prayer, plus a constant study of human inequities in an alien land and the search for truth, as all encompassing in the process of 'witnessing for the Lord!' This is not simply another collection of facts about the celebrated 'peaceful warrior.' It is a newly opened window into the heart and soul of a servant-preacher who continues to teach through his understanding and experience of the power of prayer. It

should be required of all theological seminarians!" --Melva Costen, Helmer Nielsen Professor Emerita of Worship and Music, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia#34Lewis Baldwin, the foremost chronicler of Martin Luther King Jr., traces his prayer life and its huge, enabling force in the fight for human rights. A wonderful book! Read it, and you will be inspired." --David Buttrick, Buffington Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics Emeritus, Vanderbilt University Divinity School

About the Author Lewis V. Baldwin is Professor of Religious Studies at Vanderbilt University. An expert on black-church traditions, he is author of *There Is a Balm in Gilead: The Cultural Roots of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1991); *To Make the Wounded Whole: The Cultural Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1992), both from Fortress Press; and *Toward the Beloved Community: Martin Luther King, Jr. and South Africa* (1995).